



A student must complete the course and credit requirements as defined on this curriculum sheet to be a candidate for this certification program. Additional policies, procedures and requirements may be found in the current Graduate University Catalog and/or the field placement handbooks.

Degree Requirement

A student must already hold a Master Degree in Counseling, Education or a closely related major from an accredited college or university for this degree.

Credit Requirement

A minimum of 48 credits is required for this school counseling certificate program. A minimum of 24 credits must be completed in residence.

Up to 24 graduate credits of course competencies can be waived. An evaluation of transcripts will be necessary to determine the required coursework for certification.

Practicum (100 hours) and internship (210 hours x2) are required by Pennsylvania for each grade level concentration (PK-8, 7-12)

The minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) average is required to remain in good academic standing. One grade of a C+ is permitted but a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained throughout the program. A grade of C requires course be retaken. Students may retake a maximum of 2 courses in which they earned a C or C+. Students may retake an individual course only one time. Students may not earn any grade below a C and remain in the program. Minimum grade of B is required in Core Requirements

PA Certification

PA Certification requires 48 credits including practicum/internship field experiences, counseling speciality tests and clearances.

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Core Requirements-27 credits

CNS 501	Counseling Skills	3
CNS 504	Human Development	3
CNS 505	Foundations of Counseling	3
CNS 510	Research Methods	3
CNS 513	Practicum	3
CNS 520	Theories in Counseling	3
CNS 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3
CNS 527	Social Justice, Multicultural & Diversity Issues in Counseling	3
CNS 531	Career Development	3

School Counseling Requirements-21 credits

CNS 507	Disabilities in the School Counseling Setting	3
CNS 508	Needs of English Language Learners in the School Counseling Setting	3
CNS 523	Intervention Techniques in School Counseling	3
CNS 525	Organization of School Counseling	3
CNS 536	Group Counseling and Facilitation Skills for the School Setting	3
CNS 608	Internship I (SC)	3
CNS 609	Internship II (SC)	3

Curriculum sheet for the PG school counseling certificate program at Gwynedd Mercy University is subject to change pending program specific competency changes in certification by the PA Department of Education. New regulations in 22 PA Code Chapter 49 may result in changes for school counseling education programs at Gwynedd Mercy University.